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SUBJECT: ALGERIA CHANGES WEEKEND TO FRIDAY-SATURDAY

11. Effective August 14, 2009, the weekend in Algeria will change to Friday and Saturday instead of Thursday and Friday.

12. The Algerian Council of Ministers endorsed on July 21, 2009, a draft law to this effect put forth by the Minister of Labor. The law dictates the weekend change in all economic, industrial, administrative, and services institutions, as well as in banks and ports.

13. To adjust to the new weekend schedule, the Embassy will be closed on Thursday, August 13, and begin implementing the new weekend schedule effective Friday, August 14. The Embassy will re-open for business on Sunday, August 16.

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